

**MACOMB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FULL BOARD  
NOVEMBER 16, 2000**

The Macomb County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. on November 16, 2000 at the Macomb County Board of Commissioners Conference Room, Mount Clemens. Chairman Hertel called the meeting to order and the following members were present:

Ralph A. Liberato	District 1
Marvin Sauger	District 2
Phillip A. DiMaria	District 3
Louis J. Burdi	District 4
Dennis Olshove	District 5
Joan Flynn	District 6
Sal Rocca	District 7
Diana J. Kolakowski	District 8
Robert Mijac	District 9
Philis DeSaele	District 10
Ed Szczepanski	District 11
Peter J. Lund	District 12
Don Brown	District 13
John C. Hertel	District 14
Nicholyn A. Brandenburg	District 15
Leon Drolet	District 16
Bobby L. Hill	District 17
Michael C. Sessa	District 18
James M. Perna	District 19
Nancy M. White	District 20
Leonard Haggerty	District 21
Elizabeth Slinde	District 22
Robert M. Sawicki	District 23
Roland R. Fraschetti	District 24
Peggy A. Kennard	District 25

Commissioner Liberato and Commissioner Brown were absent.

**INVOCATION**

Commissioner Fraschetti gave the invocation. Commissioner DiMaria asked for a moment of silence in memory of Commissioner Lou Burdi's father.

**AGENDA**

A **MOTION** to adopt the Agenda was made by Commissioner Slinde, supported by Commissioner DiMaria.

Commissioner White asked to add an item for Harrison Township for funds for the Clean Michigan Act Initiative, supported by Commissioner Kennard.

Chairman Hertel asked to add this item during the Health Services Committee, no objections.

Commissioner DeSaele stated that Ted Cwiek had some information regarding the three (3) year Labor agreement with the POLC-Inspectors/Jail Administrator. Would like this added for approval. Motion made by Commissioner Slinde, supported by Commissioner Flynn.

Chairman Hertel asked to add this item during the Personnel Committee, no objections.

A vote was taken on the **MOTION AS AMENDED**, and the **MOTION CARRIED**.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A **MOTION** to approve the minutes dated October 12, 2000 was made by Commissioner Slinde, supported by Commissioner Flynn, and the **MOTION CARRIED**.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

*Jerry Whitmore, Harrison Township, Michigan*

Spoke about the in-house legal counsel at the Road Commission. Stated that it is a lot of money and it is not necessary since the County already has corporation counsel.

*Jack Carentino, Shelby Township, Michigan*

Supports Macomb Orchard Trail. The cost for the recreational use of the railroad is low.

*Chuck Pierce, 39223 Canterbury, Harrison Township, Michigan*

Thanked the Board of Commissioners for their support on the Clean Michigan Initiative.

*Monica Job, Armada Township, Michigan*

Opposed to the Rails for Trails. Spoke of the recorded Deed with restrictions on the use of the railroad from the 1800's. Suggested alternative places for Rails for Trails to be utilized.

*Lee Sorrenson, Shelby Township, Michigan*

Supports the Rails for Trails.

*Cathy Flanigan*

A registered nurse on the negotiating team at Martha T. Berry. Asking for a raise to bring in nurses at a more competitive salary.

*Sonny Dentin, 25710 North River Road, Harrison Township, Michigan*

Concerned about information on sewers running through his property before he puts a septic tank in.

*John Ditz, Washington Township, Michigan*

Supports the Macomb Orchard Trail.

*Charlene Magonical*

Represents the LPN's at Martha T. Berry and expressed concerns about the low salaries affecting morale and employee turnover.

*Diane Baker, Shelby Township, Michigan*

Supports the Macomb Orchard Trail.

***Loretta Strong***

Chief Steward of #411 at Martha T. Berry and expressed concerns about 40% holiday pay and how it used to be 28%. The wages/pass through money has not been received. The employees have been told that they can not speak to other employees or to the families that come to Martha T. Berry. They are only allowed to speak on work related items and they are being harassed.

***Rich Platz, Richmond, Michigan***

Supports the Macomb Orchard Trail.

***Diane Akinson, Armada Township, Michigan***

Indicated that Armada Township voted this issue down. Concerned about safety risks and people encroaching on private property.

***Michael Sproll, 21710 Alexander, St. Clair Shores, Michigan***

Supports Rails for Trails. Discussed that a history of Macomb or agriculture could be explained along the trail.

***Edwin Irish, 70111 Romeo Plank, Ray Township, Michigan***

Concerned about vandalism and hunters on private property. The cost to create a parking lot is going to cost approximately \$40,000 for 50 cars. The developing fee is going to be high.

***Dave Clay, 21461 West Road, Washington, Michigan***

Takes away his privacy. Against the Rails for Trails program.

***John Caribbean***

He is the Associate Executive Director of the Michigan Nurses Association. Represents the nurses at the Public Health Department and Martha T. Berry. Told the Board of Commissioners that they should take the obligation of running a medical facility more seriously and listen to what the employees are telling them.

***Lisa Dobson***

Concerned about the 48% tax rate; it's not extra income, it is a regular wage on a holiday. It is earned income, not a bonus.

***Gail Hicks, 76200 True Road, Armada Township, Michigan***

Not opposed to recreational opportunities or facilities. Questioned cost to develop and the sale price. Spoke of the land rights issue on the Deed.

***David Germer, Harrison Township, Michigan***

Supports the Macomb Orchard Trail.

***Sandy Rays, 18525 32 Mile, Armada, Michigan***

Spoke about land locking and damage to private property.

***Robert Tramm, 17717 33 Mile, Armada, Michigan***

Concerned about where the trail will cross main roads. Stated that the Rails to Trails will only serve a select few; the north end residents do not want this.

*Doug Martens, 38217 Cherry Lane, Harrison Township, Michigan*  
Expressed support for the Clean Michigan Initiative.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – November 9, 2000**

The Clerk read the recommendation from the Personnel Committee and a **MOTION** was made by Chairperson Liberato, supported by Vice-Chairperson Mijac, to adopt the committee recommendations.

Commissioner Brandenburg asked to separate #2.

Vote was taken on the following:

1. RECONFIRM THE FOLLOWING VACANCIES:
  1. ONE NURSE AIDE MARTHA T. BERRY
  2. ONE COMPUTER MAINTENANCE CLERK SHERIFF
  3. ONE LAW CLERK PROBATE COURT
3. AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICES TO RESPOND TO A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$15,000 OFFERED BY THE OFFICE OF SERVICES TO THE AGING.
4. RECOMMEND RATIFICATION OF A THREE (3) YEAR LABOR AGREEMENT WITH THE POLC-INSPECTORS/JAIL ADMINISTRATOR.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**SEPARATED MOTION**

2. APPROVE AN INCREASE IN THE INSURANCE BONUS PAYMENT TO \$1,500 ANNUALLY FOR NON-UNION EMPLOYEES AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS FOR WHOM THE COUNTY PROVIDES HEALTH INSURANCE.

Commissioner Brandenburg stated that it was wrong to increase this payment.

Commissioner Burdi asked Ted Cwiek what the effective date is. Ted indicated that is was the same as the open enrollment period. Chairman Hertel will add a date to this.

A vote was taken on the **SEPARATED MOTION**, and the **MOTION CARRIED** with Commissioner Brandenburg voting **NO**.

**OPERATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – November 13, 2000**

The Clerk read the recommendations from the Operational Services Committee and a **MOTION** was made by Chairperson Hill, supported by Vice-Chairperson Flynn, to adopt the committee recommendations.

Commissioner Brandenburg asked to separate #7, 8, and 11.

Vote was taken on the following:

1. GRANT PERMISSION TO THE CLINTON TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION TO ENTER THE COUNTY FARM BUILDING FOR THE PURPOSE OF VIDEO FILMING FOR A DOCUMENTARY, UPON THE EXECUTION OF AN APPROVED HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT.
2. CONCUR WITH THE ACTING-PURCHASING MANAGER AND RECOMMEND AWARD OF THE 2001 TRUCKS AND VANS TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDERS PER ATTACHED SHEETS.
3. CONCUR WITH THE ACTING-PURCHASING MANAGER AND RECOMMEND AWARD OF THE 2001 ADMINISTRATIVE VEHICLES TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDERS PER ATTACHED SHEETS.
4. CONCUR WITH THE ACTING-PURCHASING MANAGER AND AWARD THE PRINTING OF HEAT SEALED AND NON-HEAT SEALED CONTINUOUS FORMS FOR VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, ASSOCIATED BUSINESS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,132.00; FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OUTSIDE PRINTING BUDGET.
5. CONCUR WITH THE ACTING-PURCHASING MANAGER AND RECOMMEND THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) GATOR UTILITY VEHICLE WITH FRONT BLADE FOR PARKS AND RECREATION FROM THE STATE OF MICHIGAN CONTRACT WITH JOHN DEERE COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,885.72; FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION EQUIPMENT FUND.
6. AMEND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CONTRACT FOR POLICE SERVICES BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MACOMB AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MACOMB, INCLUDING THE PURCHASE OF A PATROL VEHICLE PAID FOR BY MACOMB TOWNSHIP; FUNDING SOURCE IS MACOMB TOWNSHIP AT NO COST TO THE COUNTY OF MACOMB.
9. APPROVE ONE (1) WIRELESS MICROPHONE SYSTEM FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OFFICE AT A COST OF \$1,452.00
10. AUTHORIZE PAYMENT FOR THE WORK PERFORMED AS FOLLOWS:

MARTHA T. BERRY RENOVATION	EDMUND LONDON & ASSOCIATES, INC.	\$7,516.31
PROBATE COURT-HVAC REPLACEMENT	GREYSTONE CONSTRUCTION, INC.	\$102,915.39
2000 PAVING PROJECT	JOHN CARLO, INC.	\$24,377.85
VERKUILEN BLDG. (FIA AREA)	PROJECT CONTROL SYSTEMS, INC.	\$30,228.05
VERKUILEN BLDG. (DSS AREA)	WAKELY ASSOCIATES, INC.	\$814.91
12. APPROVE THE LEASING OF COUNTY LAND (21.62 ACRES OF PROPERTY, SIDWELL #50-11-16-401-001) BY CLINTON TOWNSHIP FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES, FOR A PERIOD OF 99 YEARS AND A COST OF \$1 EACH YEAR, BUT THAT THE COUNTY RESERVE THE RIGHT TO DEVELOP AN EASEMENT; FURTHER, THAT CORPORATION COUNSEL PREPARE AN AGREEMENT TO BE BROUGHT BACK TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**SEPARATED MOTION**

7. CONCUR WITH THE FLEET MANAGER AND APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF ELEVEN (11) 2001 FORD CROWN VICTORIA POLICE INTERCEPTOR VEHICLES FOR THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, SIGNATURE FORD, PERRY, MICHIGAN, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$228,924.30; FUNDS FOR TWO VEHICLES WILL BE PAID FROM THE TRAFFIC GRANT AND FUNDS FOR NINE VEHICLES WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE 2001 FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT.

Commissioner Brandenburg asked if Tahoes were included. The Fleet Manager indicated that the County is replacing nine Crown Victorias and two Tahoes with eleven Crown Victorias.

A vote was taken on the **SEPARATED MOTION**, and the **MOTION CARRIED**.

**SEPARATED MOTION**

8. AWARD THE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ABATEMENT CONTRACT FOR THE OLD WELFARE BUILDING TO THE LOW BIDDER, SPECIALTY SYSTEMS OF MICHIGAN, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,225.00.

Commissioner Brandenburg suggested that this building be made historic.

Commissioner Sauger indicated that the building was filmed for historical purposes and that it is not worth saving.

A vote was taken on the **SEPARATED MOTION**, and the **MOTION CARRIED** with Commissioners Brandenburg, Kennard, and DiMaria voting **NO**.

**SEPARATED MOTION**

11. APPROVE THE CONCEPT OF STUDYING THE USE OF 19.5 MILES OF ABANDONED GRAND TRUNK WESTERN RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY, TRAVERSING THE COUNTY IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION FROM THE WESTERN BORDER OF SHELBY TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF RICHMOND, FOR DEVELOPMENT AS A LINEAR PARK; ALSO, THAT CORPORATION COUNSEL ISSUE A WRITTEN OPINION CONCERNING THE PROPERTY RIGHTS OF LAND OWNERS ADJACENT TO OR MAKING CLAIMS TO OWNERSHIP OF PROPOSED TRAIL PROPERTY; FURTHER, THAT ANY AGREEMENT BE BROUGHT BACK TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FINAL APPROVAL.

Commissioner Brandenburg stated that Armada has voted this down. If the federal or state government wants to pay for this then she would reconsider her decision. There is no support from the north end.

Commissioner Lund supports this issue and understands that there are legitimate concerns on ownership. It is a good opportunity for Macomb. This should be negotiated to secure the land with Grand Trunk. This is a proposal, not a commitment.

Commissioner Kennard said this is a good opportunity for all residents.

Chairman Hertel gave the approval of the study of a concept with the following in mind: 1) determination to legal issues; 2) negotiate price with railroad; 3) whether or not grant monies

and participation with local governmental units. Once all of these things are done, then the Board of Commissioners can make a decision at that time. Concerns from citizens including safety, traffic patterns and parking will be included with this conceptual study. There were not objections from the Board to have those concerns included in the study.

Commissioner Sessa said the most important thing to do is to negotiate a price and what are the private property owner's rights.

Commissioner Burdi wants comments from Committee included to Full Board. Failure to attempt this is a failure of leadership. Questioned if the railroad has the right to sell the property.

Commissioner DiMaria said that there is nowhere in Macomb to buy 19.5 miles for \$5.2 million. It is a golden opportunity for Macomb County Parks and Recreation.

Commissioner White asked what the time line was. Chairman Hertel indicated that was none but would like to get it done within a couple of months.

A **MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Commissioner Hill, supported by Commissioner Flynn.

APPROVE THE CONCEPT OF STUDYING THE USE OF 19.5 MILES OF ABANDONED GRAND TRUNK WESTERN RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY, TRAVERSING THE COUNTY IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION FROM THE WESTERN BORDER OF SHELBY TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF RICHMOND, FOR DEVELOPMENT AS A LINEAR PARK; ALSO, THAT CORPORATION COUNSEL ISSUE A WRITTEN OPINION CONCERNING THE PROPERTY RIGHTS OF LAND OWNERS ADJACENT TO OR MAKING CLAIMS TO OWNERSHIP OF PROPOSED TRAIL PROPERTY; FURTHER, THAT ANY AGREEMENT BE BROUGHT BACK TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FINAL APPROVAL. ***FURTHER, THAT AN AD HOC COMMITTEE BE ESTABLISHED TO EXPLORE THE ISSUES AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AT THE JANUARY MEETING.***

Commissioner Szczepanski stated that \$5.2 million is just to purchase the property, the total cost to develop is not determined. He is against an Ad Hoc Committee.

Commissioner Frascchetti asked if we were buying an easement. George Brumbaugh indicated that it would be fee simple of property, which means full title and right without limitation.

Commissioner Rocca stated that Canadian National made an offer to the state, and it could be used as example under 1976 law.

Commissioner Drolet suggested that Parks and Recreation Director Anthony Casasanta handle this and report back to the Board.

Commissioner DiMaria asked Anthony Casasanta his opinion on this matter. Anthony suggested that the Board be involved and assist in this process. He also stated that the Park Commission passed a resolution on Monday with no dollar figure to go ahead with this project.

Commissioner DeSaele wants Corporation Counsel involved.

Commissioner Flynn thinks that having an Ad Hoc Committee is a good idea.

Commissioner Mijac commended Anthony Casasanta for doing a good job. He asked George Brumbaugh if December 15 is enough time to get the information they need. George Brumbaugh is looking into the law with regard to title.

Commissioner Burdi is in favor of an Ad Hoc Committee. Asked if the 30<sup>th</sup> is the real deadline; is the railroad going to convey fee simple; is \$5.2 million the real price. He wants a meeting with Corporation Counsel, some Board members, director of Parks and Recreation, Finance director and the railroad.

Commissioner Sessa requested a legal opinion on who owns the property.

A vote was taken on the **AMENDED MOTION**, and the **MOTION CARRIED** with Commissioner Brandenburg voting **NO**.

Commissioner Drolet offered a **FRIENDLY AMENDMENT**.

APPROVE THE CONCEPT OF STUDYING THE USE OF 19.5 MILES OF ABANDONED GRAND TRUNK WESTERN RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY, TRAVERSING THE COUNTY IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION FROM THE WESTERN BORDER OF SHELBY TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF RICHMOND, FOR DEVELOPMENT AS A LINEAR PARK; ALSO, THAT CORPORATION COUNSEL ISSUE A WRITTEN OPINION CONCERNING THE PROPERTY RIGHTS OF LAND OWNERS ADJACENT TO OR MAKING CLAIMS TO OWNERSHIP OF PROPOSED TRAIL PROPERTY. ***ALSO THAT THE COUNTY MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE EXPLORATION OR APPLICATION OF AVAILABLE GRANT MONIES AND/OR PRIVATE DONATIONS THAT MAY ASSIST WITH THE PARK;*** FURTHER, THAT ANY AGREEMENT BE BROUGHT BACK TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FINAL APPROVAL. FURTHER, THAT AN AD HOC COMMITTEE BE ESTABLISHED TO EXPLORE THE ISSUES AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AT THE JANUARY MEETING.

Commissioner Drolet explains that the committee meeting indicated that exploring grant monies should have been included. Commissioner DiMaria and Commissioner Lund **ACCEPT** the **FRIENDLY AMENDMENT**.

Chairman Hertel wants a number of Commissioners to either be five or seven.

Commissioner Hill stated that the Finance Director, Corporation Counsel, and Parks and Recreation Director will have to be brought in with five Commissioners.

Commissioner Sessa indicated that the rules for Ad Hoc must have 13.

George Brumbaugh indicated that the majority of the Committee has to come from the Committee in which it originated, which was Operational Services, so the majority would have to be Operational Services members.

A vote on having five-member committee **CARRIED**, with Commissioner Sessa voting **NO**.



A vote was taken on the **MOTION AS AMENDED**, and the **MOTION CARRIED** with Commissioner Brandenburg voting **NO**.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – November 13, 2000**

The Clerk read the recommendations from the Community Services Committee and a **MOTION** was made by Chairperson Brandenburg, supported by Vice-Chairperson Kennard, to adopt the committee recommendations.

1. AUTHORIZE MSU EXTENSION/4C PROGRAM TO ACCEPT THE CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WITH THE MICHIGAN FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$128,984.00 TO IMPLEMENT CHILD CARE REFERRAL AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR MACOMB PROJECT ZERO EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2000 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2001.
2. RECEIVE \$5,000 FROM THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND INDUSTRY SERVICES TO PROMOTE ENERGY EFFICIENT HOMES TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.
3. APPROVE SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSAL TO THE MARY A. BASSETT FUND TO ESTABLISH A SENIOR EMERGENCY UNMET NEEDS FUND FOR WOMEN IN MACOMB COUNTY.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE – November 14, 2000**

The Clerk read the recommendations from the Health Services Committee and a **MOTION** was made by Chairperson White, supported by Vice-Chairperson Haggerty, to adopt the committee recommendations.

1. CONCUR IN THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MACOMB COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD AND APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENTS OF GEORGE BAKER, ELIZABETH COSTA, WANDA MERKOWICZ AND DAVID SAAD AND THE APPOINTMENTS OF KATHLEEN SCHAEFER AND JAMES ZIELKE TO THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THREE YEARS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2000.
2. APPROVE AN APPROPRIATION OF \$25,000 FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS/LAKE-RIVER FUND TO USE AS MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE GRANT "AN ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING NETWORK FOR LAKE ST. CLAIR."
3. AUTHORIZE THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT A CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,382 FOR LAKE ST. CLAIR MONITORING.
4. SUPPORT HARRISON TOWNSHIP'S REQUEST FOR CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE FUNDING FOR SEWER EXTENSIONS.
5. SUPPORT THE CITY OF CENTER LINE'S REQUEST FOR CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE FUNDING FOR IMPROVED TREATMENT OF SEWAGE EFFLUENT DURING

OVERFLOW EVENTS.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**BUDGET SERVICES COMMITTEE – November 14, 2000**

The Clerk read the recommendations from the Budget Services and a **MOTION** was made by Vice-Chairperson Brown, supported by Commissioner Rocca, to adopt the committee recommendations.

1. APPROVE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,719.00 AS THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE CITY OF MT. CLEMENS' STREETSCAPE PROJECT (ALONG MAIN STREET IN FRONT OF THE COURT BUILDING).
2. AUTHORIZE RFP'S FOR THE ANNUAL VOLUNTEER DINNER AND AWARDS CEREMONY.
3. CORRECT THE 2000 APPORTIONMENT REPORT FOR HARRISON TOWNSHIP AS OUTLINED IN THE FINANCE DIRECTOR'S CORRESPONDENCE DATED NOVEMBER 1, 2000.
4. CONCUR IN THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD AND APPROVE THE FOLLOWING NEW POSITION AT ACCESS CENTER/HOSPITAL SERVICES: ONE FTE THERAPIST I – JAIL DIVERSION PROJECT COORDINATOR; NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS ARE REQUESTED.
5. AUTHORIZE MSU EXTENSION TO ACCEPT \$9,000.00 FROM MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY TO SUPPORT A PART-TIME CLERICAL POSITION FOR THE SEA GRANT PROGRAM IN MACOMB COUNTY; FURTHER, TO REFER SAID POSITION OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT FOR PROPER CLASSIFICATION.
6. AUTHORIZE A 2000 PERFORMANCE BONUS OF \$404,030.00 AND A DIVIDEND OF \$146,920.00 (FOR A TOTAL BONUS PAYMENT OF \$550,950.00) TO RETIREES OF RECORD AS OF 12-31-99 AND THAT THE PAYMENTS BE PROVIDED IN TWO CHECKS.
7. APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AD HOC COMMITTEE, COMPRISED OF NINE MEMBERS, TO STUDY WAGE INCREASES FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS AND ASSISTANT DEPARTMENT HEADS.

**THE MOTION CARRIED** with Commissioner Brandenburg voting **NO** on #1.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE – November 16, 2000**

The Clerk read the recommendations from the Finance Committee and a **MOTION** was made by Chairperson Perna, supported by Vice-Chairperson Slinde, to adopt the committee recommendations.

Commissioner Burdi asked to separate #6.

Commissioner Szczepanski asked to separate #4.

Commissioner's Brandenburg, Drolet and Szczepanski asked that their **NO** votes from Committee be repeated and recorded.

Commissioner Szczepanski indicated that **NO** was inadvertently placed on #7 on his behalf and should not be there. Chairman Hertel said it would be corrected.

Vote was taken on the following:

1. APPROVE THE INTER-DEPARTMENTAL LINE ITEM BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS AS SUBMITTED BY THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT.
2. APPROVE THE MONTHLY BILLS (WITH CORRECTIONS, DELETIONS AND/OR ADDENDA) AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT; FURTHER, TO APPROVE THE PAYROLL FOR THE PERIODS OCTOBER 13, 20 (COLA) AND 27, 2000, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$7,636,681.01, WITH NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATIONS.
3. APPROVE THE ADDITION OF FLAGSTAR BANK AS AN APPROVED DEPOSITORY.
5. CONCUR IN THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT STAFF COMMITTEE AND APPROVE A THREE-YEAR RENEWAL CONTRACT WITH DELTA DENTAL.
7. CONCUR IN THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT STAFF COMMITTEE AND APPROVE THE RENEWAL CONTRACT WITH HEALTH ALLIANCE PLAN (HAP).
8. CONCUR IN THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT STAFF COMMITTEE AND APPROVE THE RENEWAL CONTRACT WITH SELECT CARE.
9. CONCUR IN THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT STAFF COMMITTEE AND APPROVE THE RENEWAL CONTRACT WITH GOLDEN DENTAL.
10. CONCUR IN THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT STAFF COMMITTEE AND APPROVE THE RENEWAL CONTRACT WITH SVS VISION.
11. CONCUR IN THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT STAFF COMMITTEE AND APPROVE THE RENEWAL CONTRACT WITH METLIFE.
12. CONCUR IN THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF CORPORATE COUNSEL REGARDING THE CASES OF SUGGITT v. HAYMAN AND OLIVER v. MACOMB COUNTY, ET AL.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**SEPARATED MOTION**

6. CONCUR IN THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT STAFF COMMITTEE AND APPROVE OPTION ONE, THREE YEAR RENEWAL CONTRACT, WITH BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF MICHIGAN.

Commissioner Burdi requested that his comments from Committee this morning be included with the Full Board meeting minutes. Stated that Option One is reducing own return.

Vote was taken on the **SEPARATED MOTION**, and the **MOTION CARRIED** with Commissioners Sessa, Burdi, Frascchetti, Brandenburg and Szczepanski voting **NO**.

**SEPARATED MOTION**

4. CONCUR WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE RISK MANAGER AND AWARD THE BID FOR FIRST AID KIT SUPPLIES TO THE LOW BIDDER, GREAT LAKES FIRST AID, AS OUTLINED IN A FEBRUARY 18, 2000 CORRESPONDENCE.

A **MOTION TO REFER** back to Committee was made by Commissioner Szczepanski, supported by Commissioner Sessa.

Commissioner Szczepanski stated that there was no emergency to have this come to Full Board the way it did. When certain projects and contracts come by our Board, it is no secret that the current administration here has employee parliamentary devices. Which, while are not in direct violation of our rules, are at best a nuisance and the continued use of these devices and practices to do the County business leads to abuses and awakening of respect for the standards by which we administer here. So I propose to send this item back to committee for the sole reason that it can be brought back to Full Board by way of the proper rules. Rules which separates us from complacency and poor stewardship of our county business. Sending this back to committee is a responsible action and in a good attempt to keep this board disciplined.

Commissioner Sessa stated that the rules and procedures of the Board need to be followed.

Commissioner Szczepanski stated that it was a proper RFP, the only problem was not following the rules.

Commissioner Drolet asked how items can be added to an agenda. George Brumbaugh indicated with a 2/3's vote. Commissioner Drolet stated that a 2/3's vote to put this on the agenda was given this morning.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
BRANDENBURG	X	
BURDI	X	
DESAELE		X
DIMARIA		X
DROLET	X	
FLYNN		X
FRASCHETTI	X	
LUND		X
HAGGERTY		X
HILL		X
KENNARD		X
KOLAKOWSKI		X
MIJAC		X
OLSHOVE		X
PERNA		X
SAWICKI		X

ROCCA		
SAUGER		X
SESSA	X	
SLINDE		X
SZCZEPANSKI	X	
WHITE		X
HERTEL		X
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>16</b>

The **REFERRAL MOTION FAILED.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
BRANDENBURG	X	
BURDI		X
DESAELE	X	
DIMARIA	X	
DROLET	X	
FLYNN	X	
FRASCHETTI		X
LUND	X	
HAGGERTY	X	
HILL	X	
KENNARD	X	
KOLAKOWSKI	X	
MIJAC	X	
OLSHOVE	X	
PERNA	X	
SAWICKI	X	
ROCCA	X	
SAUGER	X	
SESSA		X
SLINDE	ABSTAIN	
SZCZEPANSKI	X	
WHITE	X	
HERTEL	X	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3</b>

The **MOTION CARRIED.**

**LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE – November 16, 2000**

The Clerk read the recommendations from the Legislative and Administrative Services Committee and a **MOTION** was made by Chairperson Frascchetti, supported by Vice-Chairperson Olshove, to adopt the committee recommendations.

Commissioner Brandenburg asked to separate #1.

Vote was taken on the following:

2. APPROVE ISSUE OF THE COUNTY TREASURER'S SYSTEM RFP.

3. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING PURCHASES:

TWO STANDARD DESKTOP PC'S AND TWO MS OFFICE STANDARD BUSINESS SOFTWARE FOR THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$3,258.00; FUNDS AVAILABLE IN THE MIS CAPITAL FUND; AND

TWO STANDARD DESKTOP PC'S, TWO MS OFFICE STANDARD BUSINESS SOFTWARE AND ONE LASERJET PRINTER FOR MACOMB COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$5,102.52; FUNDING AVAILABLE FROM THE COUNTY HEALTH FUND.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**SEPARATED MOTION**

1. AWARD BID NUMBER 13-00, POINT OF SALE SYSTEM FOR COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, TO CORE BUSINESS TECHNOLOGIES, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$89,535.00; FUNDING AVAILABLE IN THE MIS CAPITAL FUND.

Commissioner Brandenburg think that something is wrong if only one bid came back.

A **MOTION TO REFER** back to Committee was made by Commissioner Brandenburg, supported by Commissioner Drolet.

A vote on the **MOTION TO REFER** was taken, and the **MOTION FAILED**.

A vote on the **SEPARATED MOTION**, and the **MOTION CARRIED** with Commissioner Brandenburg voting **NO**.

**RESOLUTIONS/TRIBUTES**

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Fraschetti, supported by Commissioner DiMaria, to adopt the Resolutions and Tributes in their entirety.

Commissioner Sessa asked to separate resolution #109A.

Vote was taken on the following:

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| Res. No. 00-101 | In appreciation and celebration for Pastor John O'Neal of Zion Temple Church in Jesus (offered by Hill; recommended by Personnel Committee on 11-9-00)                             |
| Res. No. 00-102 | Commending Turning Point – 20 <sup>th</sup> anniversary (offered by Hertel on behalf of the Board; recommended by Personnel Committee on 11-9-00)                                  |
| Res. No. 00-103 | Commending Ferlito Construction, Inc. on the grand opening of their new offices in Roseville (offered by Hertel on behalf of the Board on 11-9-00)                                 |
| Res. No. 00-104 | Honoring George and Grace McCloskey – 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary (offered by Haggerty; recommended by Personnel Committee on 11-9-00)                                    |
| Res. No. 00-105 | Commending Macomb County Human Services Coordinating Body – 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary (offered by Hertel on behalf of the board; recommended by Personnel Committee on 11-9-00) |
| Res. No. 00-106 | Commending Dale James O'Brien – Eagle Scout (offered by Kennard;   |

recommended by Budge Committee on 11-14-00)

- Res. No. 00-107 Commending Mold-Masters Injectioneering LLC on locating their new operation in Macomb County (offered by Hill; recommended by Finance Committee on 11-16-00)
- Res. No. 00-108 Commemorating St. Jane Frances de Chantel Catholic Church on the dedication of their new church (offered by Mijac; recommended by Finance Committee on 11-16-00)
- Res. No. 00-109 Commending the Filipino American Community (offered by Mijac; recommended by Finance committee on 11-16-00)

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**SEPARATED RESOLUTION**

- Res. No. 00-109A Full Faith and Credit for Phase I State Revolving Fund (SRF) financing of Lake St. Clair Clean Water Initiative (Roseville/Eastpointe/St. Clair Shores) (recommended by Finance Committee on 11-16-00)

Commissioner Sessa said that this should not have been put on the Agenda and that the five-day rule must be complied.

Commissioner Szczepanski said that this should have come to the Board sooner than it did.

A vote was taken on the **SEPARATED RESOLUTION**, and the **RESOLUTION CARRIED.**

**ITEM WAIVED TO FULL BOARD BY JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:**

A **MOTION** WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DIMARIA, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SAUGER TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF A LEASE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (DEQ) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE HARLEY ENSIGN PUBLIC ACCESS SITE IN HARRISON TOWNSHIP FOR USE AS THE SHERIFF'S MARINE PATROL BASE.

Commissioner Sessa stated that Harrison Township has provided medics on these boats and have gone uncompensated. The Sheriff's Department should pick up the tab for these medics.

A vote was taken on this **MOTION** and the **MOTION CARRIED.**

**REQUESTS FOR PURCHASE OF PREVIOUS SERVICE TIME:**

A **MOTION** WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER FRASCHETTI, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SLINDE TO APPROVE REQUESTS BY ELSIE MANCHESTER, JOSEPH COZZOLINO, KEITH BEASELY AND KENNETH SIEKIERSKI FOR PURCHASE OF PREVIOUS SERVICE TIME, AND THE **MOTION CARRIED.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Brandenburg said that she did vote for the Clean Michigan Initiatives and every month they get a report from the Health Department and pollution still is increasing. Need to get a system to clean the water.

Commissioner DiMaria spoke of an article in Crain's during the week of October 16<sup>th</sup> regarding Hillside Productions purchasing a section of Freedom Hill to put on their shows. It spoke about Joe Vicari, CEO of Andiamo Restaurant group buying the venue this winter and renovated it late spring. Commissioner Perna spoke about the article being a misprint and Joe Vicari was interviewed. He did not purchase any property at Freedom Hill; there is a 10-year lease with an 10-year option renewal. He is renting the property and any renovations will be at the expense of Hillside Productions. It was agreed upon that the spokesperson for Hillside Production is not Joe Vicari.

Chairman Hertel hopes that the people involved understand the unique types of circumstances about that property in terms of its history. Hopefully they are aware of it and taking it into consideration what their actions are. Chairman Hertel did not even know that these negotiations took place. There should be some safety precautions about this property and should be acknowledged.

Commissioner Mijac commended the Health Department for another year of success with offering the flu shots.

Commissioner Rocca stated that the Board of Commissioners has a right to review all contracts of a commission or board.

Commissioner DiMaria asked corporation counsel if people appointed to a Board or Commission have the right to not report to the Board of Commissioners and do whatever they choose. George Brumbaugh will look into it.

Commissioner Burdi indicated that there is a state statute if it is a policy making body they have the right and it could be a courtesy to run it to corporation counsel for review.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

### **ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

Ralph A. Liberato	District 1
Marvin Sauger	District 2
Phillip A. DiMaria	District 3
Louis J. Burdi	District 4
Dennis Olshove	District 5
Joan Flynn	District 6
Sal Rocca	District 7
Diana J. Kolakowski	District 8
Robert Mijac	District 9
Philis DeSaele	District 10
Ed Szczepanski	District 11
Peter J. Lund	District 12
Don Brown	District 13
John C. Hertel	District 14
Nicholyn A. Brandenburg	District 15
Leon Drolet	District 16



Bobby L. Hill	District 17
Michael C. Sessa	District 18
James M. Perna	District 19
Nancy M. White	District 20
Leonard Haggerty	District 21
Elizabeth Slinde	District 22
Robert M. Sawicki	District 23
Roland R. Fraschetti	District 24
Peggy A. Kennard	District 25

Commissioner Liberato and Commissioner Brown were absent.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Commissioner Sauger, supported by Commissioner Slinde, and the **MOTION CARRIED**.

Chairman Hertel adjourned the meeting at 9:42 p.m., until the call of the Chairman.

John C. Hertel, Chairman  
Bill Nixon, Chief Deputy Clerk